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SUBJ: SOVIET RESEARCH VESSEL AKADEMIK KURCHATOV

1. PENDLETON, MARINE AND TRANSPORT DEPT., FCO, INFORMS US THAT SHORT TIME AGO HMG DISAPPROVED REQUEST RECEIVED FROM SUBJECT VESSEL TO CALL AT ISLAND OF ST. HELENA IN SOUTH ATLANTIC. FCO HAS NOW RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM A DR. JOHN MALPAS WHO STATES HE IS BRITISH SCIENTIST ABOARD SOVIET VESSEL AND THAT VESSEL ALSO HAS ABOARD SOVIET AND US SCIENTISTS. MALPAS SAYS VESSEL ENGAGED IN IMPORTANT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND ASKS HMG TO RECONSIDER ITS DIS-APPROVAL. FCO CAN FIND NO ONE IN BRITISH SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY WHO HAS EVER HEARD OF DR. JOHN MALPAS. PENDLETON WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER USG HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT VESSEL AND WORK UPON WHICH IT IS ENGAGED AND WHETHER THERE ARE IN FACT ANY US SCIENTISTS ABOARD. PLEASE ADVISE.

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